

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Browne et al. Attorney Docket No: MICRO243  
Serial No: 09/883,805 Group Art Unit: 2176  
Filed: June 18, 2001 Examiner: Botts, Michael K.  
Title: METHOD FOR CREATING AN EMBEDDED DATABASE IN A  
SPREADSHEET

PROPOSED TELEPHONE INTERVIEW AGENDA

Bellevue, Washington 98004

May 26, 2006

TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-8 and 10-17 are pending in the present application, Claim 9 having been previously canceled.

Procedural History

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-8 and 9-17 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Excel 2000™ (hereinafter "Excel"), which was publicly released in 1999, specifically, screenshots on pages 1-16, and additional screenshots on pages 1-5 of the associated reference.

Agenda For Telephone Interview With Respect to Independent Claim 1

Applicants' attorney would like to discuss the cited references in regard to independent Claim 1.

The Examiner is asked to point out where Excel teaches applicants' step (a) of "receiving a user command to create the list, wherein said user command *enables a user to create the list by guiding a user through performance of a plurality of sequences, each sequence comprising a plurality of steps that result in the creation of the list.*"

Also, the Examiner is asked to point out where Excel teaches applicants' step (b) of "performing a first sequence comprising the steps of ... (ii) of *"if pre-existing data is to be imported into the list, determining where the pre-existing data is located."*

Furthermore, the Examiner is asked to point out where Excel teaches applicants' step (d)(ii) of "creating a continuing association between each field within each record such that each field remains

1 associated with other fields within each record when the record is manipulated, regardless of whether  
2 a user selects all of the fields within each record when manipulating records within the list and  
3 regardless of whether a user identifies the list.”

4 Agenda For Telephone Interview With Respect to Independent Claim 10

5 Applicants’ attorney would also like to discuss the cited references in regard to independent  
6 Claim 10. The Examiner is asked to point out where Excel teaches applicants’ subparagraph (b): “a  
7 second dialog box comprising...,” and subparagraph (b)(ii): “a field form box for receiving a field  
8 name for each field defined in the window.”

9 Further, clarification is requested regarding where Excel teaches applicants’ recitation in  
10 subparagraph (c): “third dialog box comprising...,” and in subparagraph (c)(i): “a reference box for  
11 showing a name associated with the List Object.”

12 The Examiner is requested to telephone applicants’ attorney at the number given below so  
13 that a mutually convenient time for the telephone interview can be arranged before a response is filed  
14 to the Final Office Action.

15 Respectfully submitted,

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